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THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
CAROLINE COUNTY OFFICE OF
THE JURY COMMISSIONER
109 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MD
410-479-5986

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Questions? Call the Jury Commissioner at the above
number.

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

JURY ANNOUNCEMENT

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION-PLEASE READ
CAREFULLY:**

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FOR MARCH 2023, **TRIAL JURORS:**

All trial jurors are to check this site or call the information line (410-479-5810)

on

MARCH 7TH, 2023 after 1:00 pm

for further reporting instructions and throughout your service period to

determine your reporting status.

YOUR **TRIAL JURY SERVICE PERIOD IS March 1st through
March 31, 2023.**

ALL GRAND JURORS SERVICE PERIOD IS FOR ONE YEAR.

**YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY
ADDITIONAL SUMMONSES RELATING TO
SPECIFIC REPORTING DATES.**

**Maryland Law recognizes no exemptions based on
occupation; therefore, we do not accept letters
or phone calls from employers.**

How was I selected for Jury Service?

Maryland's jury selection law provides that jurors are selected at random from a fair cross section of citizens residing in the County where the Court convenes. This cross section is drawn from a consolidated list of Caroline County residents who are registered voters, licensed drivers, or identification card holders aged 18 and over.

How long do I have to serve?

TRIAL jurors serve a one-month term, and GRAND jurors serve a one-year term.

Can jury duty place my job in jeopardy?

An employer may not deprive an employee of his/her employment solely because of job time lost by the employee because of responding to a jury summons or as result of attending court for service or prospective service as a petit (trial) or GRAND juror.

Is childcare available?

There are no provisions for childcare. Children are NOT to be brought to Court with you.

What if I have a vacation, medical appointment, etc., during my service month?

All requests for excuse **MUST** be submitted in writing either with your juror qualification form or no later than two weeks prior to the first date of service indicated on your JUROR BADGE. Only written requests directed to the Jury Commissioner at 109 Market St, Denton, Maryland, 21629, can be considered. E-mail requests can be sent to caroline.jury@mdcourts.gov. Please include your service term and reporting number on any correspondence. You will receive notification by first-class U. S. mail as to whether your request has been granted. Please contact the jury commissioner at 410-479-5986 if you have not received a confirmation of the receipt of your request.

What if I have a medical or family emergency the day of service?

To be excused from reporting for service, appropriate documentation of the emergency will need to be provided within a time frame to be determined by the jury commissioner. Please call the jury commissioner at 410-479-5986 (leave a message if there is no one available to answer your call). The jury commissioner will instruct you as to the type of documentation that will be required.

What happens if you do not report for jury duty?

You may be subject to contempt proceedings and/or sanctions if you disregard your jury service obligation. This may result in a fine up to \$1000 and/or up to 60 days of imprisonment for each infraction. (ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, COURT AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, 8-504.)

Do I get paid for service?

During your period of service, you will be paid the sum of \$30 per day for attendance. If you are on a trial that extends past five days, you will be paid the sum of \$50 per day beginning with the sixth day.

The jury commissioner makes all decisions that will impact the process of jury selection.

Please understand, if you are a trial juror, your jury service is for a month. This does not mean you will have to serve every day. Call 410-479-5810 or visit our website the day before your service is to begin after 1:00 pm. Know your reporting number and listen to the instructions. If there is no jury scheduled, then you will be instructed to check our website or when to call back again.

**THIS SITE AND THE PHONE MESSAGE WILL
INCLUDE THE REPORTING NUMBERS (LOCATED
ON YOUR JUROR BADGE/SUMMONS) THE
EVENING PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED TRIAL
DATE.**

NOTICE

Procedure Relating to Cell Phones, Cameras, and Other Electronic Devices Cell Phones, Other Electronic Devices, and Cameras in Court Facilities *Effective January 1, 2011*

Under Maryland Rule 16-208, possession and use of cell phones, computers, cameras, and other electronic devices may be limited or prohibited in designated areas of court facilities. This Notice describes the Rule.

All electronic devices must remain OFF AND INOPERABLE inside the courtroom unless the presiding judge has given express permission in a specific instance.

The taking, recording, or transmitting of photographs, videos, or other visual images by cell phone or any other device is always prohibited in the court room, unless the court expressly grants permission in a specific instance.

Any individual who willfully violates Maryland Rule 16-208 or any reasonable limitation imposed by the local administrative judge, or the presiding judge may be found in contempt of court and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with the Rules in Title 15, Chapter 200.

FOOD AND DRINK PROHIBITED

**PLEASE BRING YOUR
JUROR SUMMONS/BADGE WITH
YOU**

**THE WEARING OF MASKS IS
OPTIONAL**

Please note: Arriving at the posted time is essential as there are no accommodations for jurors in the courthouse at an earlier time. Please be informed, too, that per instructions from the Judge, members of the public, including prospective jurors, are not permitted to enter the building before it is open for business at 8:00 a.m.

DRESS CODE: Although dress may be casual, please dress conservatively. Shorts and cut-off jeans, hats (except for religious purposes), tank and halter tops and undershirts are considered inappropriate.

PLEASE CHECK THIS SITE REGULARLY FOR CHANGES/UPDATES

Last Updated: Wednesday March 1, 2023